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FEATURING... "THE MAD THINKER AND HIS AWESOME ANDROID!"
LET NONE OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR LEAVE ALIVE!! THE THINKER COMMANDS IT!
HE-HE'S TURNING OUR OWN WEAPONS AGAINST US!! WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE!
NOT ONLY HAS THE MAD THINKER TAKEN OVER THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S HEADQUARTERS, BUT HE'S BEATING THEM AT THEIR OWN GAME!
JUST WAIT! SOONER OR LATER...I'LL GET MY MITTS ON YOU!! JUST WAIT!!

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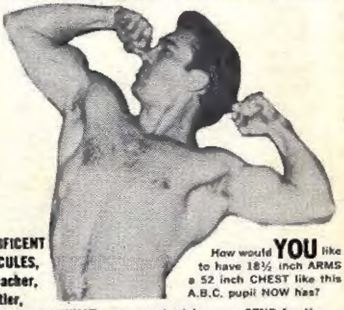
I'LL BUILD YOU INTO A NEW ATHLETIC MIGHTY-MUSCLED ALL-MALE HE-MAN
in THRILLING MINUTES a day, as I have done to THOUSANDS in 20 YEARS.



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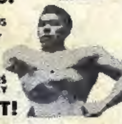
"I LOST 30 LBS. OF DANGEROUS UGLY FAT 4 INCHES OFF MY WAIST!

28 year old Felipe Mendoza



"That 220 lb. FAT-BOY at the right was ME a few short weeks ago."

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my 47" chest
my 32" waist
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the MAD THINKER
AND HIS
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A BOOK-LENGTH SAGA!
THE ANDROID... NEITHER ANIMAL, NOR VEGETABLE, NOR MINERAL! WHAT IS IT?
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AND NOW, READ ON...
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SUDDENLY, A LEAN, POWERFUL HAND FIRES A BRIGHT FLARE INTO THE EVENING SKY...
...AND OUR ADVENTURE INTO FANTASY BEGINS!
LOOK! THE RED ALERT SIGNAL OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
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NOT FAR AWAY, IN A QUIET LANE IN CENTRAL PARK, WE FIND A TEEN-AGER AND HIS DATE...
OF COURSE I'M ANGRY, JOHNNY! DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY DATES YOU'VE BROKEN WITH ME??
AW, PEGGY, YOU KNOW I COULDN'T HELP IT! BUT I'M HERE NOW, AND THERE'S A MOON ABOVE, AND YOU SURE LOOK GORGEOUS...
OH, JOHNNY, HOW I'VE LONGED FOR THIS WONDERFUL MOMENT!
GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!! AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
4
SORRY, PEG, I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE YOU FOR A WHILE! HOPE YOU CAN DRIVE!
FLAME ON!
OH NO! NOT AGAIN!!
AND, IN A CHI-CHI BEAUTY PARLOR ON FIFTH AVENUE...
I JUST KNOW I'VE SEEN THAT GIRL SOMEWHERE!
AH, MISS STORM, NOW FOR THE SUPREME MOMENT! I, PERSONALLY, SHALL CREATE YOUR NEW HAIR-DO!
I HAVE CANCELLED ALL OTHER APPOINTMENTS SO THAT I COULD DEVOTE MYSELF ENTIRELY TO YOU TODAY!
REED'S SIGNAL! IT MEANS COME A'RUNNING, NO MATTER WHAT!
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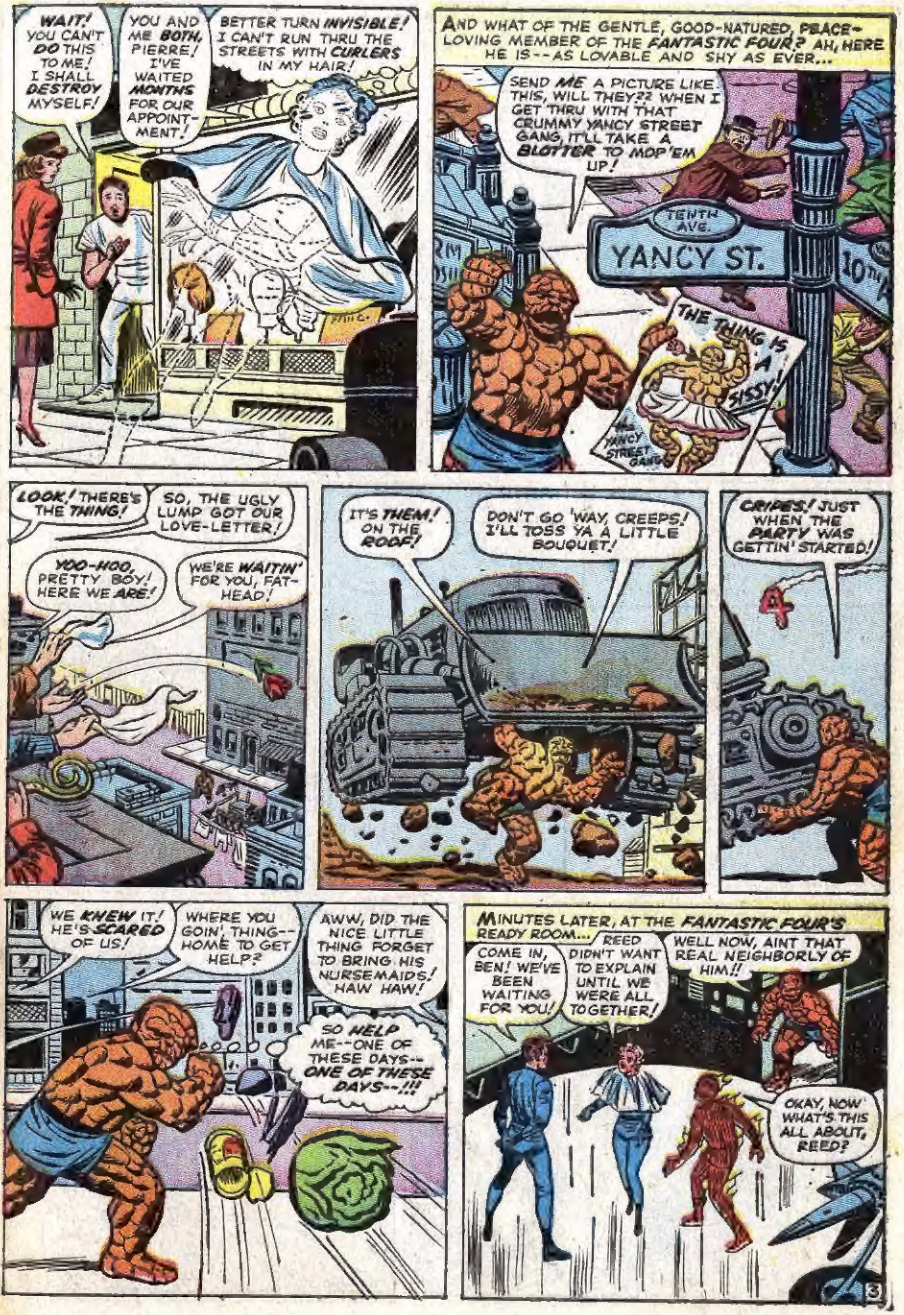
WAIT! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I SHALL DESTROY MYSELF!
YOU AND ME BOTH, PIERRE! I'VE WAITED MONTHS FOR OUR APPOINTMENT!
BETTER TURN INVISIBLE! I CAN'T RUN THRU THE STREETS WITH CURLERS IN MY HAIR!
AND WHAT OF THE GENTLE, GOOD-NATURED, PEACE-LOVING MEMBER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR? AH, HERE HE IS--AS LOVABLE AND SHY AS EVER...
SEND ME A PICTURE LIKE THIS, WILL THEY?? WHEN I GET THRU WITH THAT CRUMMY YANCY STREET GANG, IT'LL TAKE A BLOTTER TO MOP 'EM UP!
TENTH AVE.
YANCY ST.
THE THING IS A SISSY!
YANCY STREET GANG
LOOK! THERE'S THE THING!
SO, THE UGLY LUMP GOT OUR LOVE-LETTER!
YOO-HOO, PRETTY BOY! HERE WE ARE!
WE'RE WAITIN' FOR YOU, FAT-HEAD!
IT'S THEM! ON THE ROOF!
DON'T GO 'WAY, CREEPS! I'LL TOSS YA A LITTLE BOUQUET!
CRIPES! JUST WHEN THE PARTY WAS GETTIN' STARTED!
WE KNEW IT! HE'S SCARED OF US!
WHERE YOU GOIN', THING--HOME TO GET HELP?
AWW, DID THE NICE LITTLE THING FORGET TO BRING HIS NURSEMAIDS! HAW HAW!
SO HELP ME--ONE OF THESE DAYS--ONE OF THESE DAYS--!!!
MINUTES LATER, AT THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S READY ROOM...
COME IN, BEN! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
REED DIDN'T WANT TO EXPLAIN UNTIL WE WERE ALL TOGETHER!
WELL NOW, AINT THAT REAL NEIGHBORLY OF HIM!!
OKAY, NOW WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, REED?
3

LOOKS TO ME LIKE RUBBER-FACE JUST LIKES TO SHOOT HIS LITTLE FLARE GUN! WHY DON'T YOU TAKE UP A NEW HOBBY-- LIKE PLAYIN' IN TRAFFIC??
YEAH! WHY THE RED ALERT? DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN EMERGENCY TO ME!
SUPPOSE YOU BOTH BUTTON UP FOR A WHILE AND GIVE ME A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN!
I DIDN'T WANT TO INTERRUPT WHAT I WAS DOING ANY MORE THAN YOU DID!
I'M RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A CRUCIAL EXPERIMENT WITH D. N. A., THE BASIC CELLS WHICH ARE THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE ITSELF!
I'VE ALREADY MANAGED TO CREATE A PRIMITIVE FORM OF ONE-CELLED LIFE WHICH LIVED FOR A FEW SECONDS!
DO YOU THINK I FEEL LIKE STOPPING NOW?
"BUT I RECEIVED AN URGENT CALL FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE! HIS DEPARTMENT REPORTS THAT TOP MOBSTERS AND GANG LEADERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE FLOCKING TO NEW YORK! THERE'S SOMETHING BIG IN THE WIND, AND HE WANTS US ALERTED!"
AND, EVEN AS MR. FANTASTIC SPEAKS...
IT'S EXACTLY 12:42 P.M.! THEY SHOULD BE ENTERING IN ONE AND ONE-HALF SECONDS!
ONE AND ONE-HALF SECONDS LATER...
OKAY, THINKER, HERE WE ARE!
START THE BALL ROLLIN'! IT AINT HEALTHY FOR US TO BE TOGETHER UNDER ONE ROOF!
AND NO FUNNY STUFF, SEE? WE GOT BOYS POSTED ALL AROUND THIS JOINT!
QUIET, YOU GUYS! THE THINKER IS THINKIN'!!
THESE ARE MY THOUGHTS: I HAVE SUMMONED YOU TO HELP ME FORM A GIGANTIC KINGDOM OF CRIME, WITH ME AS THE KING! FOR, WITH MY FABULOUS BRAIN, AND MY INFALLIBLE COMPUTING MACHINES, I CAN OUT-PLAN THE LAW AT EVERY TURN!
UNTIL THIS MOMENT, THE POLICE HAVE NOT EVEN DREAMT OF MY EXISTENCE! BUT I SHALL REMAIN HIDDEN NO LONGER! WITH YOU, THE MOST POWERFUL GANG LEADERS OF ALL, I SHALL DEVISE A FOOLPROOF PLAN TO CAPTURE AND TAKE CONTROL OF NEW YORK CITY ITSELF!!

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SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS
KEEP MOVIN', YOU LUNKHEADS!! NOBODY LIVES FOREVER! SO GIT THE LEAD OUT AND FOLLOW ME! WE GOT US A WAR TO WIN!
THINK YOU'VE READ WAR STORIES BEFORE? MISTER, WAIT TILL YOU SEE WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOU HERE! IT'S ONLY THE GREATEST!
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LOOK AT THESE BANKS OF COMPUTERS! THE GREATEST ARRAY OF THINKING MACHINES EVER ASSEMBLED UNDER ONE ROOF! AND ALL FOR ONE PURPOSE--TO MAKE ME THE KING OF CRIME!
MY MACHINES AND I HAVE ALREADY DEVISED A FOOLPROOF PLAN, NOT ONLY TO RID US OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR, BUT ALSO TO TAKE OVER THEIR HEADQUARTERS, WITH ALL ITS PRICELESS SECRETS!
MY MASTER PLAN HAS BEEN WORKED OUT TO THE LAST MINUTE DETAIL! NOTHING HAS BEEN LEFT TO CHANCE! WITH THE AID OF MY CALCULATORS, I KNOW EVERYTHING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED...
AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, I CAN PREDICT EVERYTHING THAT EVER WILL HAPPEN, DOWN TO THE LAST SPLIT-SECOND!
FACT OBVIOUS
FACT REMOTE
FACT INCIDENTAL
OBSERVATIONS
POSSIBILITIES
PROBABILITIES
WEATHER
WIND VELOCITY
TIDAL PULL
SUN SPOTS
"DON'T YOU REMEMBER THAT MILLION-DOLLAR BANK HAUL I PULLED LAST YEAR! IT SUCCEEDED BECAUSE I KNEW A HOT DOG VENDER WOULD PASS BY AT JUST THE RIGHT SPLIT-SECOND..."
DON'T SHOOT, BOYS! WE'RE LIABLE TO HIT THAT GUY WITH THE PUSH-CART!
HOT DOG
"AND REMEMBER THE TIME I ESCAPED A PURSUING PATROL CAR BECAUSE A WATER-MAIN BURST JUST AS I HAD DRIVEN BY? WELL, I KNEW IT WAS ABOUT TO BURST AT THAT MOMENT--IT WAS PART OF MY PLAN!"
RRRRR
"JUST AS IT WAS PART OF MY PLAN TO KNOW THAT AN ORGAN GRINDER'S MONKEY WOULD ACCIDENTALLY START A FIRE IN A DESERTED SHACK, THEREBY BURNING SOME VALUABLE PAPERS WHICH CONTAINED ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO SEND ME TO JAIL FOR YEARS! THAT'S WHY I AM--THE THINKER!"
YEAH? WELL, YOU MAY BE SNOWIN' THESE OTHER JOKERS, BUT I AINT BUYIN'! I'M CUTTIN' OUT!
NATURALLY! I KNEW YOU WOULD!
NUTS! YOU'RE JUST A LOTTA TALK! ANYTIME SOMETHIN' HAPPENS, YOU SAY YOU EXPECTED IT! YOU'RE JUST A PHONY, MAC!
AM I? IN EXACTLY EIGHTEEN SECONDS, YOU WILL REALIZE HOW WRONG YOU WERE! NOW GET OUT!

AND, EXACTLY EIGHTEEN SECONDS LATER...
WELL WELL! IF IT ISN'T BLACKIE SKARR! HOW NICE OF YOU TO WALK RIGHT INTO US THIS WAY!
THE FEDS!! I'M TRAPPED!
THE THINKER KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN! THOSE MACHINES OF HIS REALLY WORK! WHAT A CHUMP I WAS!
I TRUST YOU GENTLEMEN OBSERVED WHAT HAS JUST TRANSPIRED BELOW?
AND RIGHT TO THE SECOND, JUST LIKE YOU SAID! LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY ARE ALL THAT YOU CLAIM TO BE, THINKER!
OKAY, THINKER, WE'RE WITH YA, ALL THE WAY! BUT HOW ARE YA GONNA HANDLE THE FANTASTIC FOUR?!
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT PROJECT FOR MONTHS! WATCH--
EACH MEMBER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR IS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT PROBLEM, AND I'VE FED MY COMPUTERS ALL THE AVAILABLE DATA ABOUT THEM! AFTER CAREFUL ANALYSIS, MY MACHINES AND I HAVE COME UP WITH THESE SOLUTIONS!
"PROBLEM ONE--THE HUMAN TORCH! I'VE ARRANGED FOR TWO MEN TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK AT THIS VERY MOMENT! ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, THEY WILL DO OUR JOB FOR US..."
MIGHTY BIG TOWN, AIN'T IT, SHORTY?
YOU SAID IT, BONES!
THAR HE IS NOW, RIGHT ON TIME! HI, COUSIN JOHNNY!
COUSIN BONES! WELCOME TO NEW YORK!
MAN! HE SURE IS A CORKER, ISN'T HE? LOOK AT HIM FLAME AROUND UP THERE!
FLAME OFF!
I GOT YOUR TELEGRAM! WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, COUSIN?
IT'S MUH CIRCUS, COUSIN JOHNNY! ALL OF A SUDDEN BUSINESS HAS DROPPED OFF!
I NEED ME A REAL STAR ATTRACTION TO GET THE CROWDS BACK AGAIN--OR ELSE I'LL LOSE EVERYTHING! I WAS WONDERIN' ABOUT YOU, JOHNNY...?
GOSH! A CHANCE TO BE A CIRCUS STAR! IF ONLY I COULD!"

PROBLEM TWO--MISTER FANTASTIC! AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF GENERAL ELECTRONICS, LTD...
GENTLEMEN, WE NEED A SCIENTIFIC GENIUS TO HEAD OUR ELECTRONIC RESEARCH DIVISION! WHOM DO YOU SUGGEST?
BEATS ME, ROGER. TOP RESEARCH SPECIALISTS JUST DON'T GROW ON TREES!
I CAN'T THINK OF A MAN IN THE FIELD WHO'S BIG ENOUGH FOR THE JOB!
AT THAT MOMENT, AS THOUGH PREARRANGED BY FATE, A JANITOR CARELESSLY LAYS A COPY OF A MAGAZINE HE HAD BEEN READING ON A MASSIVE OAK DESK...
WELL, KEEP WORKING ON IT, GENTLEMEN! WE MUST FIND THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB, AND SOON!
I'LL JUST LEAVE THIS HERE FOR A FEW MINUTES WHILE I MOP UP THE HALL!
THEN, JUST AS THE THINKER KNEW IT WOULD, THE BRIGHTLY-COLORED COVER CATCHES THE INDUSTRIALIST'S EYE, AND...
CARTWRIGHT! VAN DORN! COME HERE! I'VE FOUND THE MAN WE'RE LOOKING FOR!
IN THE FANTASTIC FOUR COMIC MAGAZINE?? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ROGER?
OF COURSE! WE SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF IT BEFORE. REED RICHARDS! THE MOST GIFTED INVENTIVE GENIUS OF OUR TIME! WE'LL SEND FOR HIM IMMEDIATELY!
PROBLEM THREE--THE THING! IN A LOCAL GYM, A SHIFTY-EYED WRESTLING MANAGER MAKES BEN GRIMM A TEMPTING OFFER...
I TELL YA, THING, IF YA SIGN UP WITH ME WE CAN MAKE A FORTUNE! YOU'D BE THE BIGGEST WRESTLIN' ATTRACTION SINCE STRANGLER LEWIS!
YEAH YEAH, I KNOW! IT SOUNDS GOOD, BUT I GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO!
THAT SO? COULD BE YOU'RE AFRAID TO MEET FATAL FINNEGAN, THE IDOL OF THE YANCY STREET GANG?!!
ME, AFRAID??!
I DON'T LIKE THAT KINDA TALK, SQUIRT!
NOW JUST YOU WAIT THERE TILL I GET BACK! I GOTTA TALK THIS OVER WITH MY PARTNERS!
S-SURE, THING! I-I'LL -ULP- HANG AROUND!
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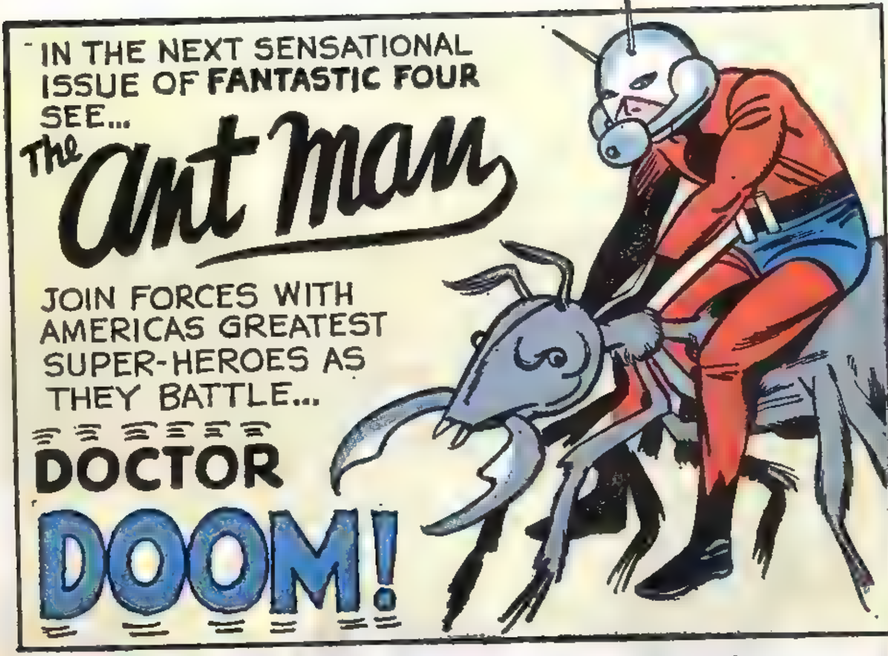

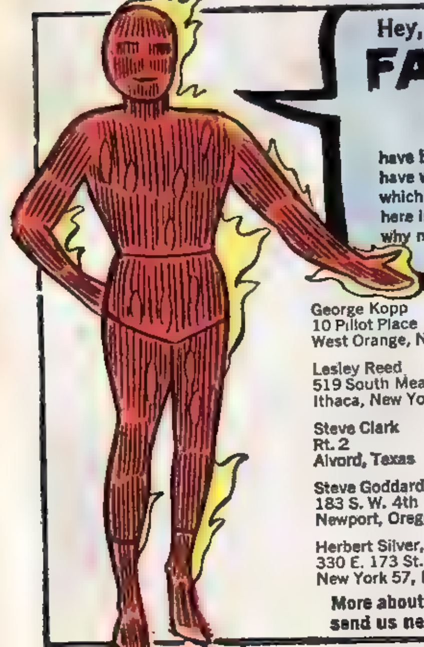

Hey, gang, how about THIS? It seems that

FANTASTIC FOUR FAN CLUBS

have been springing up all over the country! Many readers have written to us, asking where the nearest one is located which they can join. For the benefit of those interested, here is a partial list of some of the first FF FAN CLUBS . . . why not contact the one nearest you?

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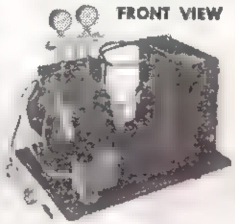

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LET'S FACE IT PAL! JOHNNY'S RIGHT! WE AINT CUT OUT FOR TWIDDLIN' OUR THUMBS! WE'RE ALL GETTIN' RESTLESS!
YES! PERHAPS WE ALL NEED A VACATION!
I WAS ABOUT TO SUGGEST THE SAME THING! MAYBE A TEMPORARY SEPARATION WOULD DO US ALL SOME GOOD!
THAT'S THE COOLEST! BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE MOBSTERS HITTIN' NEW YORK, AND THE TROUBLE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WATCHIN' FOR??
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ME, I'LL BE TRAVELLIN' THRU THE SOUTH WITH THE BONES 'N BAILEY CIRCUS!
YOU'LL READ ABOUT ME IN THE PAPERS! I'M GONNA BE THE NEXT SENSATION OF THE GRUNT 'N GROAN CIRCUIT IN THE MIDWEST!
AND I'LL BE IN HOLLYWOOD, REHEARSING FOR MY VERY FIRST STARRING ROLE! SIGH
AND SO, UNSUSPECTED BY THE FANTASTIC FOUR, ALL THE TINY DETAILS OF THE THINKER'S MASTER PLAN FALL NEATLY INTO PLACE! HE HAS WON THE FIRST ROUND OF A FIGHT WHICH THE COLORFUL QUARTET DOESN'T EVEN KNOW IT IS FIGHTING!
Y'KNOW SOMETHIN'? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER BUSTED UP! IT'S A SPOOKY FEELIN'!
YOU'RE RIGHT, BEN!
AW, WE'LL GET TOGETHER AGAIN AFTER A WHILE
AT LAST I CAN DRESS THE WAY I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO!
NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY THIS, SMALL FRY, BUT I'M GONNA MISS YOU!
SURE, YA BIG LUG! NOBODY ELSE WOULD PUT UP WITH YA! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, BIG FELLA!
FOR TWO CENTS I'D TRY TO GET 'EM TO CALL THE WHOLE THING OFF! NUTS! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME! IT AINT THE END OF THE WORLD! EVERYBODY NEEDS A VACATION SOME TIME!
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AND NOW, BACK TO THE MAN WHOSE METICULOUS PLANNING HAS BROUGHT ABOUT THE EVENTS YOU HAVE JUST WITNESSED! BACK TO --THE THINKER!
IT IS NOW EXACTLY THREE MINUTES AFTER FOUR! THEY SHOULD JUST BE LEAVING THEIR HEADQUARTERS AT THIS MOMENT!
OKAY, THINKER, LET'S SAY THEY ARE! SO WHAT GOOD DOES THAT DO US?
YEAH! WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE? HOW DO WE TAKE OVER THE CITY?
THE VERY FORCES OF NATURE HERSELF WILL HELP US! MY MACHINES HAVE CALCULATED THE COURSE OF AN APPROACHING METEOR, WHICH WILL STRIKE NEW YORK HARBOR IN EXACTLY FIFTEEN SECONDS!
I KNEW OF THIS IMPENDING EVENT WEEKS AGO, AND ... IN MY PLANS! IT WILL BE OUR SIGNAL TO STRIKE!
AT THE PRECISE SPLIT-SECOND PREDICTED BY THE THINKER, A HURTLING METEOR DOES INDEED PLUMMET INTO THE WATERS OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK'S LOWER BAY...
ALTHOUGH NO ONE IS INJURED, THE SHOCK OF IMPACT CAUSES A TEMPORARY PANIC AMONG THE POPULACE
WHAT HAPPENED?! WHAT WAS THAT?!
MAYBE WE'RE BEING ATTACKED!! IT MUST BE WAR!
MINUTES LATER, AS THE SHOCK WEARS OFF, THE TRUTH IS LEARNED AND THE PANIC ENDS! BUT A NEW DANGER APPEARS! THE VIOLENT EARTH TREMOR HAS KNOCKED OUT ALL ELECTRIC POWER IN THE SPRAWLING CITY, AND CAUSED NUMEROUS SMALL FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS!
WOW! DID ONE LITTLE METEOR DO ALL THAT?!
LOOK! ALL THE STREET LIGHTS HAVE GONE OUT- AND THERE ARE FLAMES IN CENTRAL PARK!
IT'LL TAKE HOURS TO GET THINGS BACK TO NORMAL IN MIDTOWN NEW YORK!
AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION, THE THINKER AND HIS MEN INVADE THE ... STRONGHOLD OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
YOU WERE RIGHT, THINKER! WITH THE ELECTRICITY KNOCKED OUT, NONE OF MR. FANTASTIC'S PROTECTIVE DEVICES ARE WORKIN'!
THIS IS THE ONLY TIME HIS HEADQUARTERS ... BE BROKEN INTO, AND DUE TO MY FOOL-PROOF PLANNING, WE WERE ABLE TO CASH IN ON IT!
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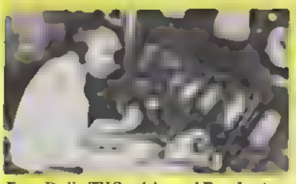

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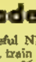

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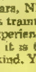

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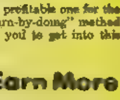

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OKAY, MISS STORM, THIS IS THE FINAL TAKE! REMEMBER, YOU'RE THE FIRST FEMALE IN SPACE, LOST ON AN UNKNOWN PLANET! ROLL 'EM!
MORE SHMALTZ, BABY! GIVE IT MORE EMOTION! C'MON-- LOOK SCARED!
AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT ACTING WOULD BE FUN! WHAT A FOOL I WAS!
LOOK OUT! THAT PROP MONSTER'S FOOT IS SHAKING TOO MUCH! WHEEL'S COMING LOOSE! WE'LL HAVE TO SHOOT IT OVER AGAIN! CUT!
WHILE, IN A NEW ENGLAND ELECTRONICS LAB...
SAY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, RICHARDS??
FORGIVE ME IF MY METHODS ARE A LITTLE UNORTHODOX! I LIKE TO EXAMINE MY APPARATUS FROM THE INSIDE AS WELL AS THE OUTSIDE!
WE'LL NEED THIS MUCH MORE CLEARANCE ON ALL FUTURE DEVICES, ACCORDING TO MY ESTIMATES!
DO YOU HAVE TO EMPHASIZE YOUR POINTS SO DRAMATICALLY, RICHARDS? THIS IS A LABORATORY --NOT A CARNIVAL!
WELL, STAY AT IT! I'LL CHECK YOUR PROGRESS TOMORROW AGAIN! GOOD DAY!
AND I THOUGHT THIS WAS WHAT I WANTED?! I REALIZE NOW THAT I'M JUST NOT CUT OUT TO WORK FOR ANYONE ELSE! I'VE GOT TO DO THINGS MY OWN WAY-- WITHOUT INTERFERENCE!
AND, AT A MIDWESTERN SPORTS ARENA, THE THING ALSO REALIZES THAT BEING ON HIS OWN ISN'T QUITE THE BALL HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE!
HEY, BIG BRAIN! HOW LONG DO I HAVETA WALTZ THIS BABOON AROUND THE RING??
UNTIL I TELL YA TO STOP! WE GOTTA GIVE THE FANS A SHOW FOR THEIR MONEY!

HEY, UGLY, LOOK AT THAT BLONDE TOOTSIE IN THE FRONT ROW! AFTER I'M THRU WITH YOU UP HERE, I'M GONNA GO AND GET ME A DATE WITH THAT DOLL! VA VA VOOM!
YOU CRUMMY CREEP! THAT'S ALICIA! THAT'S MY GIRL YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT!
I'LL SHOW YA WHO'S GONNA DATE ALICIA!
HEY-- STOP! CUT IT OUT! THIS AINT IN THE SCRIPT! HALLLP!
IF YOU STILL WANNA MEET ALICIA, AFTER YOU COME BACK FROM MY BOOMERANG THROW, THEN WE'LL TALK IT OVER!
ZOOOOM!
HERE HE COMES!
NOW TO GIVE 'IM A NICE, WARM RECEPTION!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I DEMAND A RE-MATCH! I-I-GLOPP..
C'MON, KID! WE'RE GOIN' HOME! IF THAT'S WHAT WRESTLIN' IS, YOU CAN HAVE IT! ME, I'LL STICK TO TIDDLYWINKS!
DO NOT OPEN TILL XMAS
AND SO, THE COLORFUL QUARTET, AS THOUGH BY PREARRANGED SIGNAL, ALL RETURN TO THEIR HOME BASE, THE BUSTLING METROPOLIS OF NEW YORK, AT THE SAME TIME...
SO LONG, ALICIA! SEE YOU LATER!
BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN-- EVEN YOU, BEN!
AND, AS THEY REACH THE MIGHTY BAXTER BUILDING...
I'VE GOT TO ADMIT IT FEELS WONDERFUL TO BE BACK IN HARNESS! IF YOU EVER HEAR ME KNOCK THESE UNIFORMS AGAIN, JUST--
HEY! LOOK! WHA-WHAT'S HAPPENED TO OUR HEADQUARTERS??!
THE WHOLE BUILDING HAS TURNED INTO A GIGANTIC CRYSTAL! BUT-- HOW?? WHAT DOES IT MEAN??

IT'S INCREDIBLE! THE VERY ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDING THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN TRANSMUTED! THIS IS A NEW, UNKNOWN SUBSTANCE!
I CAN'T EVEN POKE A HOLE THRU IT! A THING LIKE THAT CAN GIVE A GUY A COMPLEX!
IT'S HEAT RESISTANT, TOO!
THIS MEANS WE'RE LOCKED OUT OF OUR OWN HEAD-QUARTERS!
I'LL PROBE FOR CRACKS --PERHAPS THERE'S A WEAK SPOT SOMEWHERE!
PHOOY! THAT'S TOO SLOW! MEBBE I CAN JUST DIG OUR WAY IN! I'LL BE THRU THIS CONCRETE SIDEWALK IN NO TIME!
THERE'S EVEN MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE! LOOK AT ALL THE PASSERS-BY!
NO ONE SEEMS TO NOTICE WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE BUILDING! THEY DON'T EVEN SEEM TO SEE IT!
SUDDENLY, THE FACE OF THE THINKER APPEARS, PROJECTED RIGHT THRU THE STRANGE, SHIMMERING CRYSTAL WALL!
NATURALLY NO ONE NOTICES! I HAVE AN ELECTRONIC HYPNO-RAY FIELD AROUND THIS ENTIRE BUILDING! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU-- FOR I AM THE THINKER!
THE THINKER?
I'VE MODIFIED MY HYPNO-RAY SO THAT ONLY YOU FOUR ARE AWARE OF MY PRESENCE! FOR YOU ARE TO BE MY GREATEST CONQUEST! ONCE I HAVE DEFEATED THE FANTASTIC FOUR, NO POWER ON EARTH CAN STAND IN MY WAY!
GOOD GRIEF! ANOTHER POWER-MAD GENIUS FOR US TO CONTEND WITH!
TRUE! BUT I HAVE ONE ADVANTAGE! I HAVE THE USE OF MR. FANTASTIC'S SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH--RESEARCH WHICH WILL NOW BE TURNED AGAINST YOU!
LOOK! HE FADED AWAY! AND HE LEFT AN OPENING IN THE CRYSTAL FOR US TO ENTER THRU!
HE MEANS IT! HE WANTS US TO GET INSIDE AND FIGHT HIM! HE ACTUALLY THINKS HE CAN BEAT US!
WELL-- WHAT ARE WE WAITIN' FOR??
I'LL JUST TOSS A SPEEDY BLUE-FLAME FIRE-BALL IN THERE, TO MAKE SURE THERE AREN'T ANY LITTLE TRAPS WAITING FOR US!

GOOD THING YOU DID THAT, JOHNNY! HE HAD AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE RIGGED UP!
WELL, IT'S NOT GONNA BOTHER US ANY MORE! SO LET'S GO AND GIVE THAT THINKER SOMETHIN' TO REALLY THINK ABOUT!
TORCHY, OL' PAL, YOU'RE BEGINNIN' TO SOUND LIKE ME! AND THAT'S PRETTY GOOD!
YOU KIDDIN'? IF I BELIEVED YOU, I'D NEVER OPEN MY MOUTH AGAIN!
WATCH YOURSELVES! NO TELLING WHAT LITTLE SURPRISES THE THINKER HAS FOR US!
HERE THEY COME! GET 'EM!
VIBRA-GUNS! MY OWN INVENTION! THE THINKER MUST HAVE FOUND THEM IN OUR ARSENAL!
TAKE COVER! TRY TO GET OUT OF RANGE! THE VIBRA-SOUND VIBRATIONS WILL SAP ALL THE STRENGTH FROM YOU UNTIL THEY RUN OUT OF POWER!
OH, REED! WE--WE CAN'T LET HIM BEAT US WITH YOUR OWN WEAPONS!
HAVE NO FEAR, BABY-- THE THING IS HERE! THIS'LL STOP THOSE RAYS!
HE-HE'S PULLIN' THOSE WALLS TOGETHER AS IF THEY'RE LACE CURTAINS!
I DON'T WANT NO PART OF HIM! LEMME OUT OF HERE!
THEY CAN'T GET THRU STEEL-- AND THAT'S JUST WHAT THESE SPECIAL WALLS ARE MADE OF!
IT IS NOW 3:43 P.M.! YOU HAVE PASSED YOUR FIRST TEST, AS I EXPECTED YOU WOULD! BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO GET TO THE 35TH FLOOR!
JUST SIT TIGHT, BROTHER! WE'LL GET THERE -- YOU CAN BET ON IT!
HE DIDN'T THINK HE COULD STOP US BY SHUTTIN' OFF THE ELEVATORS, DID HE?
TAKE IT EASY, BEN! THAT'S MY SKIN YOU'RE HANGING ONTO!
COMPLAINTS! ALL I EVER GET IS COMPLAINTS!
REED! THE THINKER HAS HURLED SOME GAS CYLINDERS AT US!
IT'S NOT ORDINARY GAS, SUE! I CAN TELL BY THE ODOR -- IT'S A FORMULA OF MY OWN!
WELL, DON'T KEEP US IN THE DARK, PARTNER! WHAT DOES IT DO??

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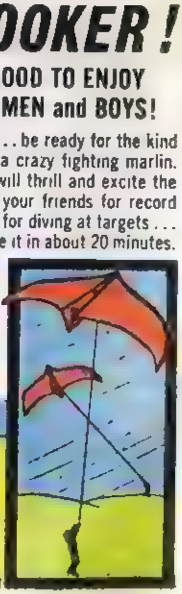

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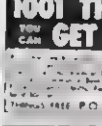
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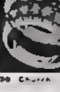
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AWW, WHAT DO I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FROM A BIG
SUDDENLY, AS THE BLAZING TORCH FLAMES TOWARDS IT, THE ANDROID SPEWS FORTH A HURRICANE-INTENSITY BLAST OF WIND--
WHOOSH
YEOWW! IT'S LIKE FLYING INTO THE MOUTH OF A TORNADO! IT-IT'S BLOWING OUT MY FLAME!
WHOOOOOOSH
STEP ASIDE, PLAYMATES! AS USUAL, I CAN SEE IT'S UP TO LITTLE OLD ME TO TAKE CARE OF THIS OVER-SIZED RAG DOLL!
HEY! NOW WHAT'S HAPPENIN' ??
I WAS AFRAID OF THAT, BEN! THE ANDROID HAS THE POWER OF MIMICRY BUILT INTO IT-- IT'S TURNING INTO YOU!
BUT IT'S A STILL BIGGER, STRONGER VERSION OF THE THING! DUCK BEN-- GET AWAY FROM IT!
WHAT DO YA THINK I'M TRYIN' TO DO, MISTER ??
THANKS, SUE, FOR HELPING ME PULL HIM OUT OF THE WAY!
LUCKILY THE ANDROID IS SLOW-MOVING! WE'VE GOT A FEW SECONDS TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO DEFEAT IT!
ALL OF YOU STAY BACK, NOW! THE THINKER CREATED HIM FROM MY NOTES... IN A WAY HE'S MY RESPONSI-BILITY! AND I'LL FIND A WAY TO NULLIFY HIS POWER!
REED! I CAN'T LET YOU FACE THAT CREATURE ALONE! IF-IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO YOU
IF I CAN'T STOP YOU, SUE, THEN AT LEAST TURN INVISIBLE-- IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!
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I'LL TRY TO KEEP HIM IMMOBILE AS LONG AS I CAN!
IF I REMEMBER MY NOTES CORRECTLY, HIS MOTOR NERVE TERMINAL IS ON HIS RIGHT SIDE, UNDER HIS ARM! YOU'VE GOT TO PRESS IT, SUE-- YOU MUSTN'T MISS! C-CAN'T HOLD HIM MUCH LONGER!
YOU DID IT, SUE! YOUR SENSITIVE TOUCH KNOCKED OUT THE ANDROID!
LUCKY FOR US THAT SUE WAS HERE! MY FINGERS ARE TOO BLUNT, YOU COULDN'T FREE YOURS LONG ENOUGH, AND THE ANDROID WOULDA SEEN THE TORCH AND KICKED 'IM AWAY!
IT IS ONE MINUTE TO FOUR! I CALCULATED THAT YOU WOULD BE HERE AT THIS SECOND IF YOU DEFEATED THE ANDROID! SO FAR, MY DEDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN PERFECT!
THAT CHARACTER SEEMS TO THINK THIS IS ONE BIG GAME HE'S PLAYIN'!!
WE'VE GOT YOUR MEN TRAPPED BEHIND A WALL OF STEEL DOWNSTAIRS, AND NOW WE'RE GONNA PUT THE K.BOSH ON YOU, TOO!
DID YOU EXPECT ME TO BE UNPREPARED FOR YOUR FLAME?? THE CHEMICAL IN THIS GUN, WHICH I TOOK FROM MR. FANTASTIC'S CABINET, WILL DOUSE YOUR FLAME--FOREVER!
YOU CALL YOURSELF THE THINKER! HUH--YOU'RE NOT SO MUCH! ALL YOUR WEAPONS AND POWERS ARE STOLEN FROM MR. FANTASTIC!
FOOL! ONLY SOMEONE AS BRILLIANT AS I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OUTSMART YOUR LEADER!! WHO DO YOU THINK IT WAS WHO ARRANGED FOR ALL OF YOU TO LEAVE NEW YORK?
IT WAS ME! I ARRANGED EVERYTHING DOWN TO THE LAST DETAIL! AND NOW, AT LAST, I AM ARRANGING YOUR FINISH!
I HAVE A SEPARATE ANTI-MATTER SHELL ZEROED IN ON EACH OF YOU--AGAIN, THANKS TO MR. FANTASTIC WHO INVENTED THIS POTENT WEAPON!
AND SO, AT THIS SECOND, AT EXACTLY THE STROKE OF FOUR, JUST AS I HAD PLANNED, THE FANTASTIC FOUR WILL MEET THEIR--
MY GUN! THE SHELLS! WHA- WHAT HAS HAPPENED ??
BZZZZZZZT!
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WE'LL TELL YA ALL ABOUT IT, LAUGHING BOY-- AFTER I MOP UP THE PLACE WITH YA!
DON'T HURT HIM, BEN! HE'S POWER-LESS NOW!
QUICK, JOHNNY, DESTROY THOSE DEADLY CYLINDERS!
I WAS HOPIN' YOU'D ASK!
HOW? HOW DID YOU DO IT?? HOW DID YOU BEAT ME?
AWW, WRITE 'IM A LETTER, REED! I'M ITCHIN' TO CLOBBER 'IM!
YOU OVERLOOKED ONE THING IN YOUR PLANS, THINKER! THERE IS ALWAYS AN X-FACTOR TO PREPARE FOR-- THE UNEXPECTED!
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I HAD PREVIOUSLY SET UP AN ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT BREAKER WHICH RENDERED ALL MY EQUIPMENT USELESS WHEN THAT BELL IS RUNG--AS A PRECAUTION AGAINST ANY ENEMY TAKING OVER MY LAB!
BAH! YOU TALKED SO MUCH THAT I GOT OVER MY ANGER!
THE X-FACTOR--THE UNEXPECTED! THE HUMAN ELEMENT! THE ONE THING I DIDN'T COUNT ON!
I SENT FOR THE POLICE, REED!
AND SO...
NEXT TIME IT WILL BE DIFFERENT! I SHALL PLAN FOR THE X-FACTOR, TOO --AND THEN NOTHING WILL FOIL ME!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THERE'LL BE A NEXT TIME, FELLA?
QUITE A HOMECOMING, EH, SUE?
WELL, THERE'S NEVER A DULL MOMENT, ANYWAY!
NOW HEAR THIS, KIDDIES! IT'S EXACTLY FOUR MINUTES AFTER FOUR--AND THE MENACE OF THE THINKER IS OVER!
AND WE'RE ALL TOGETHER AGAIN, AS WE SHOULD BE!
WAIT'LL I GET MY FIDDLE, SIS! I'LL PLAY "HEARTS AND FLOWERS"!
FOR THIS I GAVE UP A CAREER IN SHOW BIZ! I OUGHTTA HAVE MY HEAD EXAMINED!
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THE END

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FANTASTIC 4 FAN PAGE

Dear Stan and Jack:

Thanks for 'A Visit with the Fantastic Four' in issue 11. It answered many of my questions about the FF's past. There is only one thing I don't understand: who is Sub-Mariner? Mr. Fantastic said that only the shadow of Sub-Mariner stood between him and the Invisible Girl. This doesn't make much sense when you don't know who Sub-Mariner is. But even without knowing the identity of Sub-Mariner, I think you've got the best of all the super-hero mags on sale.

Mary Hoffmann
358 11th St.
Santa Monica, California

"WHO IS SUB-MARINER?"!!! That's like saying "Who is Peter Pan?" (And sure enough, some wise-guy's gonna write to us asking: "Who IS Peter Pan?") Just keep reading the F.F., Mary, and sooner or later we have a hunch you'll be finding out quite a lot about ol' Subby!

Dear Stan and Jack:

As I sit here at my desk writing this letter, I find it hard to think up words that would satisfy the means of praising you. Which brings me to say that I have seen such magazines as *Journey Into Mystery, Strange Tales, Tales to Astonish,* and so forth turned from fantasy magazines into wonderful high quality super-hero comic books which, at the present, are contributing marvelously to the wonderful world of the comic book. Your new characters are about the best there ever were. *Amazing Fantasy,* now featuring the Spider-Man, is on its way to "fame and fortune" with this number one super-hero. Everything about him is terrific, especially his red and black costume which is magnificent for his type of character. As for the *Fantastic Four,* they're just-well, you might say, utterly fantastic! I could go into quite a bit of detail on my likes and dislikes concerning all of your characters, but this letter has only been a warm-hearted thank-you to the many creators behind the scenes of today's most action-packed comics.

Ronn Goff
729 Encanto Drive
Calexico, California

Ronn, let us take this opportunity to congratulate you on your good taste, judgment, and critical ability! Believe it or not, we agree with you!

Dear Stan and Jack:

In FF #9, the Thing is struck by a bolt of lightning during a thunderstorm, and is transformed into Ben Grimm, his human form (in other words, Thing is not human). So how, with no explanation, does he turn up in the next scene as Thing again? By the way, how does he manage to *waddle,* let alone walk, in his bulky body? Does Mr. Fantastic have an elastic limit? That is, will he always retain his original shape, no matter how far he is stretched? Can he be torn? Now, last question: Does the Torch ever perspire?

Reynolds M. Morris
Bellevue, Nebraska

Aw, come on, R.M.M., we don't go around asking personal questions about YOU! As for the THING, his big problem always has been (since his first contact with cosmic rays) that he cannot maintain his human form for very long. As for walking in his bulky body, he'd look even sillier SKIPPING all over the place. Yes, MR. FANTASTIC does have a stretchable limit, and we'll discuss it in greater detail in a future issue. As for the TORCH perspiring, we haven't got the nerve to ask him!

Dear Stan and Jack:

FF #12 was great! Of all of Stan's masterpieces, this was the classic of the year. The action shots were marvelous! Which shows that Jack's art is ever improving (is that possible?). I'm glad you dropped the feature page. To me it was always in the way, and having 23 pg. stories and a two-page letter column is worth having the feature page dropped (I'm sure all fans will agree) any day! The ending (where Reed and Dr. Banner were talking) was great!!! More of the Hulk and the Thing"!

Michael "Mickey" Martin
1620 Deerwood Dr.
West Sacramento, California

Now we're embarrassed! We'll be bringing back the feature page from time to time — but how can we explain it to Mickey?

Dear Stan and Jack:

I have just finished reading FF #12, and all I can say is WOW! I've been wanting to see the Hulk meet the Thing ever since you started publishing these two characters. Having read the mag, I natch read the letter column. As for F. Bronson, he can go to *!!*- for all I care. Why, the Thing is your best character. Underneath that gruff exterior beats a heart of gold. I also agree with Steve Utley. Besides, I think that the relationship between Torch and Thing is improving. Well, thanks for listening.

Fred Gibbons
608 E. 6th Street
Mt. Vernon, Indiana

You're welcome, Freddy-boy! Thanks for writing!

Dear Stan and Jack:

Ordinarily I enjoy your scripts and find them remarkably fresh and original for a comic book; however, you need to do quite a bit more character development than was done in 'A Visit with the Fantastic Four' in issue #11. It is altogether unbelievable that characters of the complexity of the 1962 fantastic group should have emerged from the stereotypes you portrayed. Granted, you were being quite brief, but even so, couldn't Ben Grimm have possessed more than muscles and bravura? And Reed Richards would be more plausible if he were not intelligence personified. Can't they be more human beings, and less mere foils to each other? There is also one question in my mind regarding the story per se: how is it possible that one man could have enough money to build a starship when all authorities assure us that only a nation could afford it? Finally, isn't it slightly ridiculous for even a wealthy scientist-to-be to smoke a pipe at 17 or 18?

Ginger Church
#2562 TWU
Denton, Texas

You sure can't please everybody! Almost every one of the hundreds of letters we received were wildly enthusiastic about "A Visit With The FANTASTIC FOUR" — except Ginger's! But the thing we really got a kick out of was Ginger's comment about Reed smoking a pipe at the age of 17 or 18. It was only because he couldn't find his bubble gum, honey!

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Dear Stan and Jack:

Good job! I'm talking about the *Fantastic Four* #11 featuring the 'Impossible Man.' It was one of the wildest, wackiest, and probably the worst story you have printed since issue #2. Conflicting statements? I think not. For several months your stories have been getting better and better. Each month we have been wondering, "Can they do it again?" "Get an even better tale next time?" Obviously you couldn't keep it up forever. So with this one issue all the tension is released. 'A Visit With the Fantastic Four' gave us many new facts about the characters—very good. 'The Impossible Man' by itself was not worthy of being printed; it's too off-beat. But coming behind the great stories you have published month after month, it was perfect. Now I'm calm again and waiting to get back on the track with #12.

Roger Mann
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Boy! Talk about a left-handed compliment! Well, anyway, as long as we're still friends, Rog. . .

Dear Stan and Jack,

Why does the Thing want to be normal again? As the Thing he is a hero, but as Ben Grimm he is just a test pilot. I know that being a test pilot must be exciting, but as the Thing he must have even more exciting adventures.

Ricky Phillips
1107 South Kiger
Independence, Missouri

We never thought of it that way, Ricky! Wonder how the rest of our readers feel? Would you rather remain as THE THING, or Ben Grimm?

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Dear Stan and Jack:

Latest issue of FF (#11) one of the best yet. It truly is an "off-beat collectors' item issue" as the cover blurb claims. One thing I liked on the cover was the drawing of the heads of the Fantastic Four. Perfect! Might I suggest that they be added to the masthead permanently, Mr. Fantastic and the Thing on the left, and Human Torch and Invisible Girl on the right. The Thing continues to be, to me, the best of the Fantastic Four, and one of my all-time comic book favorites, though I rather dislike the idea of a serum which occasionally turns him back to Ben Grimm. I especially liked the 'Visit with the Fantastic Four' feature and, with thousands of others, I'm sure, wait for more. Best parts: first, the answer to fans who don't like the Invisible Girl ("Go see lady wrestlers!") although I feel myself that she ought to suddenly obtain the power to walk through objects as well; and second, but hardly less, the part where the Thing ruined his dumbbell in anger at the Yancy Street Gang. The Yancy Street Gang, with this issue, joins Pete's mother-in-law on the "September Bride" television program as one of the great "unseen" characters of all time. I hope you do not under any circumstances at any time yield to the temptation to show any of them — let them remain nefariously in the background to annoy the Thing for reasons left obscure. Please? "The Impossible Man" was a great yarn, too, reminding me a little (but not enough to spoil it for me by any means) of the science-fiction novel, *Martians Go Home*, of a few years ago. I hope he *does* return to earth sometime, this time *not* to be driven away by ignoring so that the Four must think up a new stunt. Or *could* they? Personally, I'd like an issue in which he decides to annoy earth's crimefighters, including the Four, Ant-Man, Thor, Spiderman (Perhaps), and maybe even the Hulk and Namor for good measure. As to your letter column, I would *love* to see the Four on T.V., but I realize that has about as large a chance as the proverbial snowball. Handled well, I think adults would really dig it, besides just us comic-book-loving souls. The Thing, in particular, has a real appeal, especially now that he's abandoned his boots.

Roy Thomas
307 Greensferry Rd.
Jackson, Mo

Thanks for the comments, Roy. Glad we don't pay for these letters by the word.

Dear Stan and Jack:

I am not going off half-cocked and this is not a crank letter, however, I am going to try to belittle your characters for a reason that will be unmistakable later. Now to go through your complete list of heros in the order of my reading them. First the Fantastic Four will be my object. What good would Mr. Fantastic be if all he could find to chase were petty hold-up men and purse snatchers? Why should he exert himself by stopping their getaways??? Why should the Thing wear himself out with juvenile delinquents?? Hardly any reason. Who would like the Human Torch if all he did was melt down crooks' getaway cars? Very few. If the Invisible girl only followed crooks to their hideouts and then called the cops, she wouldn't have many fans, would she? If the Hulk hadn't armies and spies to fight, no fans, right? Thor's smashing in walls for a police raid would result in extinction. What else? Spiderman catching falling kids in his web wouldn't last too long, huh? Even the Ant Man replacing wire taps, can you enjoy that? Forget it. So, instead of "Super-heros can do anything," your motto seems to be, "Super-heros are only as good as their villains." Just keep up the good work!

Bob Kennedy
871 Warwick Lane
Glendale 22, Missouri

We're not sure we understand Bob's point, but wouldn't this be a dull world if everything was nice and simple?

Dear Stan and Jack:

FANTASTIC FOUR #11 was the greatest!!! The first story was very good because it told about their past. But the second story was obviously the better of the two. It was the funniest I have ever read! I nearly died laughing at the panic this creature from the planet POPPUP caused. WOW! Some of the crazy things that were said were wild!! For instance, when the THING said, "Ya don't get to be a comic book hero by being careful." Please fellas, stick to science fiction stories in the future. I wouldn't want to see humor magazines run out of business. By the way, the pin-up of Sub-Mariner was superb!!!

Jerry Smith
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Thanks, Jerry, for those kind words. But don't worry — we're sure THE NEW YORKER and MAD aren't worrying too much about us putting them out of business!

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HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

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STRONG-MAN SEX-APPEAL ATTRACTS GIRLS

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. Girls go for a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE SEX-APPEAL . . . and they only laugh at skinny guys or "fatso's".

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible he-man appeal. I can build three inches of solid muscle on your chest—inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and thrilling stamina that will have girls falling at your feet.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

After DYNAFLEX, you'll be able to roll up your sleeves and take off your shirt and, for the first time in your life, you'll be PROUD of your manly build. Yes, pal, say goodbye to your weak, flabby frame—get ready for adventure and romance with a solid physique that glows and vibrates with virile he-man appeal. You'll be really proud to have people see your MAGNIFICENT HE-MAN-MUSCLES at the beach or gym. And, when the fellows stare with envy and jealousy—when the girls crowd around to squeeze your iron biceps or touch your bulging brawny chest—when they ask in amazement HOW you did it—tell them about the Magic Secret of DYNAFLEX!

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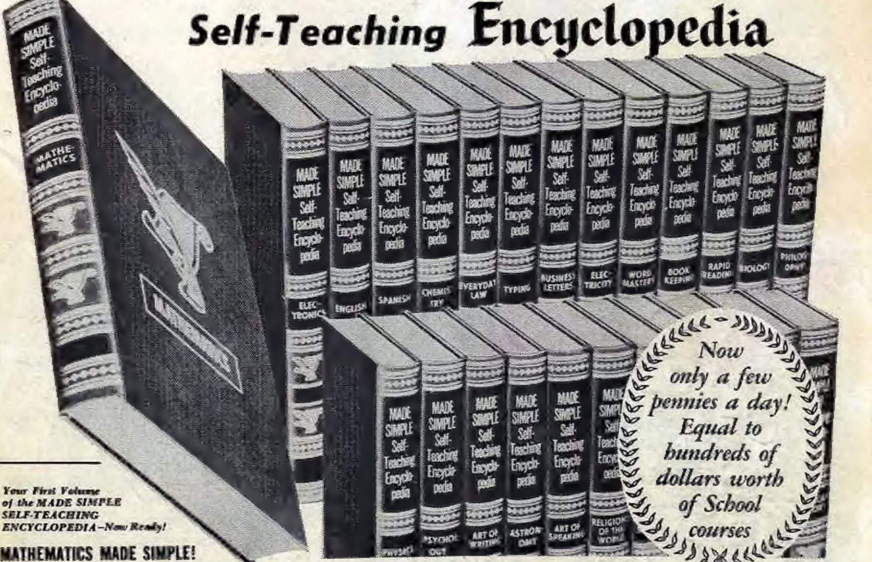

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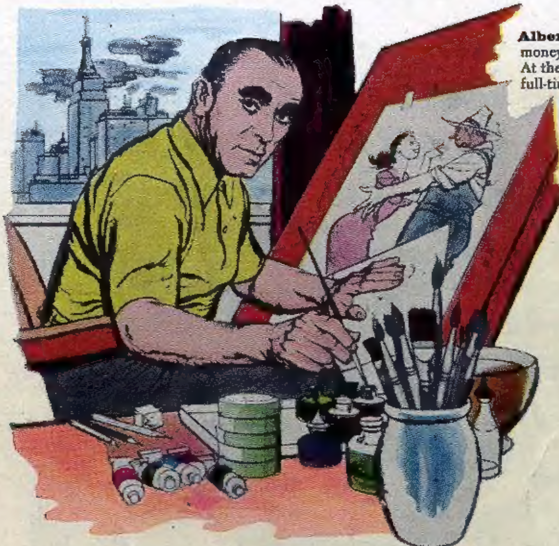

Albert Dorne — probably the greatest money-maker in the history of commercial art. At the height of his career, he began a full-time search for people who like to draw.

He's Looking for People Who Like to Draw

TODAY HUNDREDS of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working happily at easels and drawing boards, making pictures, and getting well paid for it. They all can thank Albert Dorne, a famous artist who devotes almost his full time to helping other people become artists.

Some of the people Dorne has helped

Herb Smith was a payroll clerk. Soon after he started studying with us, he landed an art job with a large printing firm. This was four years ago; today he's head artist for the same firm.

John Busketta is another. He was a pipefitter's helper in a big gas company. Today he still works for the same company, but as an artist in the advertising department, with a big increase in pay.

Harriet Kuzniewski was bored with an "ordinary" job before she heard of Albert Dorne. Today she does high-style fashion illustration in New York.

With the right training, Wanda Pickulski gave up her typing job to become fashion artist for a local department store.

John Whitaker of Memphis was an airline clerk two years ago. Recently he won a national cartooning contest and was signed to do a newspaper comic strip.

Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could only help a few of these people he called together America's most successful artists—men like Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb. Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

A Plan to Help Others

He said: "All over America, there are people who like to draw, who could be turned into good artists. Why can't we give these people the training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years? I'm suggesting a new kind of school—a home-study art school that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live."

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Albert Dorne is not surprised by the success of his students. "The art field is growing. We keep getting calls from all over the country, asking us for practical, well-trained students who can step into full-time or part-time art jobs."

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